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1. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA, IN A LETTER TO OAU
SECGEN ETEKI DATED APRIL 11 AND PRINTED IN FULL IN THE
APRIL 13 PRESS HERE REJECTED CATEGORICALLY
"ANY INSINUATION OF WHATEVER IMPLICATION, DIRECT OR
INDIRECT", ON THE PART OF THE GOS IN THE CUBILLO AFFAIR.

2. THE LETTER ALSO STATED THAT THE GOS "ACTIVELY (VIVA -
MENTE) LAMENTED THE USE WHICH THE ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES
ARE MAKING OF THIS SUBJECT, MANIPULATING ITS PRESENTA-
TION BEFORE AFRICAN AND WORLD OPINION AND TRYING TO LINK
IT WITH A FALSE PROBLEM, SUCH AS THE ONE OF THE CANARIES,
THE SPANISHNESS OF WHICH OFFERS NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT".
OREJA WENT ON TO RECOUNT THE GOS' REQUEST TO THE GOA
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THAT IT ESTABLISH THE FACTS OF THE CASE "WITH THE MAXIMUM
CLARITY", AND ADDED THAT "THE CURRENT CONFUSION CREATED
BY THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN NO WAY CONTRIBUTES TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRUTH NOR FAVORS THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES".

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR NORTH AFRICA AND

THE MIDDLE EAST (CAJAL) APRIL 12 EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS AND FRUSTRATION TO US OVER ALGERIAN HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT, NOTING THE GOA HAD STILL NOT RESPONDED TO GOS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND IN THE MEANTIME WAS PURSUING AND EVEN ESCALATING ITS POSITION ON THE CANARIES. IF HE WERE FOREIGN MINISTER, SAID CAJAL, BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF.

4. COMMENT: WHILE IT MAY APPEAR IN ALGIERS THAT ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN RETICENT IN THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO IMPLICATE GOS DIRECTLY IN THIS MATTER(REF A), IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM OREJA'S LETTER, SPANISH PRESS AND MFA COMMENTS THAT SPANIARDS HAVE NOT TAKEN NOTICE OF ANY SUCH NUANCE AND CONSIDER STATEMENTS BY BOULEFLIKA AND IN ALGERIAN PRESS AS TANTAMOUNT TO DIRECT CHARGES OF GOS INVOLVEMENT IN THE CUBILLO AFFAIR. STABLER

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